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SUBJECT: BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION CEREMONIES

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1. EMBASSY ON MARCH 21 INFOMRED MFA TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION (STREBKOV) OF U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 26 FOR BWC CEREMONY PER REF A. STREBKOV RECONFIRMED THAT THIS DATE ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS. UK EMBASSY INDICATES THIS DATE ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO HMG.

2. EMBOFF, TOGETHER WITH BRENNAN FROM UK EMBASSY, MET WITH STREBKOV MARCH 20 TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR MOSCOW CEREMONY. SOVIET PLAN, ACCORDING TO STREBKOV, IS FOR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER I.N. ZEMSKOV TO SIGN FOR USSR, WITH 15 TO 20 OTHER MFA OFFICIALS PRESENT. REPRESENTATIVES FROM UKRAINE AND BELORUSSIA WOULD ALSO ATTEND AND DEPOSIT INSTRUMENTS, HE SAID, "IF THEY MAKE IT TO MOSCOW IN TIME." TIMERBAYEV HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED SAME POSSIBILITY (REF B). ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY ASSUMES DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION BY UKSSR AND BSSR REPS IN CEREMONY BUT
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WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIMATION THIS POINT.

3. AMERICAN AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS, STREBKOV SAID, COULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO EMBOFFS EACH, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD ANTICIPATE NO PRBLEM IN ADDING TO THAT NUMBER IF DESIREABLE. CEREMONY, STREBKOV INDICATED, WOULD INCLUDE SIGNING, DEPOSITING, AND CHAMPAGNE, BUT NO RPT NO SPEECHES. EXACT TIMING SILL UP IN AIR BUT SOVIETS LEANING TOWARD AFTER LUNCH.

4. WE ARE WORKING WITH MFA AND UK EMBASSY ON AGREED ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN TEXTS OF PROTOCOL RE DEPOSIT TO BE SIGNED AT CEREMONY. STOESEL

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